

1           IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
2                           NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA  
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5       W. A. DREW EDMONDSON, in his )  
6       capacity as ATTORNEY GENERAL )  
7       OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA and )  
8       OKLAHOMA SECRETARY OF THE )  
9       ENVIRONMENT C. MILES TOLBERT,) )  
10      in his capacity as the )  
11      TRUSTEE FOR NATURAL RESOURCES) )  
12      FOR THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, )

13                               Plaintiff, )  
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16      vs.                                ) 4:05-CV-00329-TCK-SAJ  
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19      TYSON FOODS, INC., et al, )  
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22                               Defendants. )  
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26                               THE VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF  
27      ROGER OLSEN, PhD, produced as a witness on behalf  
28      of the Defendants in the above styled and numbered  
29      cause, taken on the 2nd day of February, 2008, in  
30      the City of Tulsa, County of Tulsa, State of  
31      Oklahoma, before me, Lisa A. Steinmeyer, a Certified  
32      Shorthand Reporter, duly certified under and by  
33      virtue of the laws of the State of Oklahoma.

1 poultry waste signature; correct?

2 A That's correct.

3 Q Okay. Sir, is your definitive poultry waste  
4 signature unique to litter from farms under contract  
5 with my clients?

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6 A No. It represents the general composition and  
7 specific composition of all the waste we've  
8 measured. We've measured your concentrations in  
9 waste in runoff from your fields.

10 Q Okay, but your signature when you look at the  
11 environmental data does not allow you to determine  
12 whether the contamination that you see in a sample  
13 comes from litter from a farm under contract with  
14 Tyson or George's or some other defendant; correct?

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15 A That's correct. The signature alone does not  
16 identify a specific defendant.

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17 Q Sir, are you aware that there are in fact  
18 differences between the composition of litter  
19 originating under contract -- originating on farms  
20 under contract with each of the various defendants  
21 in this case?

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22 A Very -- we've done complete analysis of litter  
23 from all defendants, except for Cal-Maine and Willow  
24 Brook, so we've looked at the chemical composition  
25 of that, the major components and most of the senior

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1 myself have taken on sites to determine essentially  
2 the fate and transport through the environment and  
3 determine in each component in the environment, you  
4 know, what chemical composition and bacterial  
5 composition is present. So we start with the  
6 source, the litter here, and, again, we've analyzed  
7 it in about 20 different samples.

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8 Q 20 samples of poultry litter?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Okay.

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11 A And all the defendants, except the two that I  
12 already mentioned.

13 Q Cal-Maine and Willow Brook?

14 A That's exactly right.

15 Q You've analyzed no litter for Cal-Maine or  
16 Willow Brook?

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17 A That's right. So we have that chemical and  
18 bacterial composition, so that's one compartment.

19 Okay. The next compartment is where it's placed on

20 the soil. So we looked at that next compartment on

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21 fields and, again, we've looked at -- I think it's

22 about 60 different fields, and there's, you know,

23 two to four subareas per each of those fields, maybe

24 a little less fields, maybe 30 to 40 fields, and two

25 to four subcompartments on each of those fields and,

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